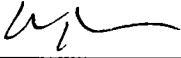


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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.